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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed November 29, 2002 please consider the following remarks. Submitted with this Response is a Petition for Extension of Time, along with the required fee, to extend the period for response one month, to and including January 29, 2003. It is believed that no additional fee is required with this submission. However, should an additional fee be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1868.

In the Claims

1. (marked up copy of twice amended claim) A method of treating weight loss due to underlying disease in a patient, the method comprising administering to the patient an effective amount of an agent [selected from the group consisting of an agent] which reduces sympathetic nervous system activity [and/or improves cardiovascular reflex status, a compound which inhibits the effect of aldosterone, a chymase inhibitor, a cathepsin inhibitor, a β receptor